

**Remarks**

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed September 21, 2006. Claims 1-20 are pending in the Application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1-20. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

**Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-11 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Publication No. 20040261081, Sen ("*Sen*") which has a priority date of June 20, 2003. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The Examiner rejects Claims 12-17 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Publication No. 20020161932, Herger et al. ("*Herger*") which has a priority date of February 13, 2001. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

**Declaration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131**

Applicant submits, concurrent with this response, a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 that establishes a date of conception and actual reduction to practice for the present invention prior to February 13, 2001. Therefore, Applicant respectfully contends that neither the *Sen* reference nor the *Herger* reference are available to the Examiner to support the rejections of Claims 1-20. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully contends that the *Sen* reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest the invention as defined in Claims 1-11 and 18, and likewise, that the *Herger* reference does not disclose, teach, or suggest the invention as defined in Claims 12-17 and 19-20.

**CONCLUSION**

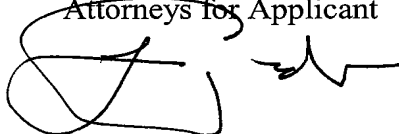
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other apparent reasons, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, please feel free to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant.

Applicants have included herewith authorization for the fees associated with a one-month extension of time for response. No additional fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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